GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:156
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2000
INDO-JAPAN AGREEMENT
DAGGUBATI RAMANAIDU;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has decided to join hands with India on I.T. sector;

(b) if so, whether during the visit of Japanese PM to Indiathe issue was discussed and agreement signed for collaboration in I.T. sector;

(c) if so, the salient features of the agreement and the extent to which it is likely to promote I.T. sector in India;

(d) whether any I.T. Park is being set up in Hyderabad with Japanese help;

(e) if so, the details in this regard;

(f) whether software professionals are being sent to Japan; and (g) if so, the likely number thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) and (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.156 FOR 29.11.2000 REGARDING INDO JAPAN AGREEMENT.

(a),(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. During the visit of the Japanese Prime Minister in August, 2000, the issue of bilateral cooperation in IT sector was discussed. No agreements were signed between both the Governments in this regard.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f) and (g): A pre-requisite for software professionals being sent to Japan is a knowledge of the Japanese languages. Since very few Indian IT professionals know even technical Japanese, the numbers at present going to Japan is extremely small, though no precise figures are available with the Government.